Bigfoot is what is a cryptid. An animal whose existence or survival to the present day is disputed or unsubstantiated. Most people find that the word means _____. By definition the word means that the creature could or can be real. This is not an abnormal mindset to have with strange creatures. Before the modern era of communication several creatures that you can see at a zoo and take for granted as real would also be considered cryptids. The Moose and The Panda are famous examples. But this is also sometimes used as evidence to say a cryptid doesn't exist. With the amount of time humanity has had on this earth to explore, search, find and share there have been no bones, scat, hair or anything physical to prove of Bigfoot's existence. Only hoaxes and witnesses at best. But, How do we know we haven't already found Bigfoot? Bigfoot is often described as a Big, hairy, Ape like creature that is commonly bipedal. Depending on the story you hear and depending on the legend some details might change. Some people say it has red eyes, some say it can talk, some say its psychic powers. But Big, Hairy, and Ape-like are always mentioned.

In all honesty, a creature like that is not outside the laws of probability. But if one was even found and captured, how would we even know its bigfoot?

The legend of bigfoot started in the 50s based on some large footprints found in hiking trails. Those simple stories sparked enough imagination to wonder what it could have been.

In the 1930, Scientists found fossils of an extinct orangutan that was called Gigantopithacus. It was a giant, hairy, ape like creature that was probably bipedal.

In 1902 the Mountain Gorilla Gorilla beringei beringei was discovered. It was a big hairy ape-like creature. And it walked with its knuckles on the ground.

In 2014, a bear, a Ursus americanus in New Jersey was found to be walking on its hind legs because its front paws were damaged. It was a big, hairy, bipedal organism. And even though it nots ape-like, from a distance it's figure could be misconstrued for a human person. And it's not the only bear like this.

I am not saying people saw these creatures instead of bigfoot, I'm saying they are bigfoot. Either only one of them is, or collectively these creatures are. When scientists discover a new animal they don't call it something simple. The are named through taxonomy.
In August of 2013, a new mammal carnivorous animal was discovered in North america. If I found it, I would probably call it a brown weasel or Cat Bear. But, because the creature had to be categorized with taxonomy. Scientists called it a *Bassaricyon neblina, or olinguito.*

If Bigfoot ever is found, assuming it hasn't already, it won't be called Bigfoot. It would be called a Gigantopithecus. And newspapers would read, Scientists discover Gigantopithecus, or Scientists discover giant mountain ape. At best.

I am convinced that unicorns were discovered. A real magical, blonde mained, white haired, narwhale horned horse. That literally poops rainbows, candy and glitter. If that creature was discovered today, we wouldn't call it a unicorn. We would call it **Equus monocero Caballus.**

So it's time to stop searching for bigfoot. Because with all things considered, what is the difference between a Bigfoot and a Gigantopithecus.

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